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<u>Abstract</u>

Please replace the Abstract at page 35 with the following Abstract:

--ABSTRACT

This invention relates to the sterilization and preservation of tissue for storage. More specifically, the invention relates to a method of using a solution to form a preserved tissue. The solution includes a radical scavenger at a concentration believed to reduce the damage to the tissue that could otherwise occur during sterilization with ionizing radiation.--